

WHO WE ARE

Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster is an inclusive, progressive, Mennonite/Anabaptist Christian peace church. We are a member congregation of the Atlantic Coast Conference of Mennonite Church USA, and of the Supportive Communities Network. To read our full covenant, core values and statement on LGBTQ inclusion, as well as more information about our congregation and denomination, please visit our website: www.communitymennonite.org/about-us/what-we-believe/

CMCL VISION PRAYER

Through your grace, O God, form us into a community called to follow Jesus, known and loved by you, nourished throughout our lives by worship, relationships and the biblical story, open to new voices and new dreams, committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty, responsive to human need with justice and compassion. May your Spirit draw us together into your new creation.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge that Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster owns land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock confederacy (also known as the Conestoga) and Lenape people at the time of European contact. We lament our ancestors' complicity in land theft from Indigenous Peoples and how we benefit from a legacy of exploitation and genocide. We intend for this statement to be a first step in a journey of healing and reconciliation.

DISMANTLING RACISM STATEMENT

The predominantly white CMCL community acknowledges a history of unearned privilege and opportunity that occurred at the expense of those of color. We commit to move beyond mere words to tangible reparative acts, increasingly reflected in our annual church budget and through individual contributions. We see this lifelong process of learning and action to be transformational yet acknowledge this is only a step.



CMCL Core Value 10. We are BEING **DRAWN** INTO A NEW CREATION – We believe that transformation of ourselves and our world is ultimately the work of God's spirit.

The cover this Sunday is intentionally blank:
we invite you to literally **draw** (or doodle or write)
what comes to heart or mind for you as you ponder this core value.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY SUNDAY

COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

10.20.24

328 WEST ORANGE ST.
LANCASTER, PA 17603

Worship Leader:
Pastoral Team
and Pastoral staff
Sarah Shirk
André Chubb

Prelude
Shenandoah

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Core Value 9. We strive to RESPOND WITH JUSTICE, PEACEMAKING AND COMPASSION – We take seriously the church’s call to address issues of social, economic and ecological justice and to challenge oppressive systems in our culture. We proclaim the building of shalom peace and right relationships as the heart of the biblical message.

Welcome & Call to Worship from enfleshed.com

We gather in the presence of God
to encounter Love that sets free.

**We do not come seeking crumbs of justice
but a way of life that liberates.** Type to enter text

Together, we practice courage in resisting evil
and rejecting the temptations of complicity and complacency.

The Spirit leads us in power and truth.
Our faith is placed in Love Eternal
that lifts broken spirits and brings new life from places of ruin.

**With hope that is neither narrow nor fragile,
we come to follow Christ.**

Core Value 3. We are NOURISHED THROUGH WORSHIP –
We celebrate music and the arts as vital parts of our spiritual
practice. We value worship that honors our wrestling, our
broken places and our raw edges. Our worship brings
wholeness and centeredness to fragmented lives.

Gathering Hymn

We Are People of God’s Peace VT 797

Core Value 7. We are OPEN TO NEW DREAMS – We
encourage all in our midst to grow and use their gifts, regard-
less of age, gender or length of time in the congregation.

Children’s Time *Come and See* VT 282

Core Value 8: We are RESPONSIVE TO HUMAN NEED – We
want our lives to be more than solely for ourselves. We serve
and celebrate our neighborhoods, especially our urban
Lancaster context.

Reading from *My Body Is Not an Apology*, by Amy Kenny

Sharing about accessibility updates at CMCL in the last year

Offertory
You Are the New Day

Core Value 2. We are CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS – The stories of Jesus orient our
worship. Turning toward Jesus “God-with-us” at our center is more important than
defining the outer edges. Our participation in the wider Mennonite church and stream
of Anabaptist theology informs this call. We respect and learn from people of religious
traditions beyond Christianity.

Sharing about CMCL participation in Anabaptist Community Bible

Core Value 5. We are NOURISHED THROUGH THE BIBLICAL STORY – We are drawn
to stories of Jesus reaching out to the marginal, listening and healing as he moves
among them. We strive to understand together what the Bible means for our lives in
this time and place.

Scripture – Psalm 1 (*see insert*)

Core Value 4. We are NOURISHED THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS – We are present to
each other in mutual care, not for fixing or problem-solving, but for helping one
another remember or discover the wholeness and holiness that God intends for us.

Sharing about CMCL participation in CMCL Fall Group

Hymn *For Everyone Born (see insert)*

Core Value 6. We are OPEN TO NEW VOICES – We strive to speak and listen across
differences in and beyond our congregation. We value cross-cultural experiences and
global perspective. We welcome and embrace diversity of sexual orientation at all
levels of congregational participation. We recognize challenges of building a racially
and economically diverse faith community and strive for reconciliation.

Reading from Gloria Rhodes’ materials from CMCL fall retreat

Hymn

Christ Has No Body Here But Ours VT 568

Celebration of Community Ritual

Core Value 10. We are BEING DRAWN INTO A NEW CREATION – We believe that
transformation of ourselves and our world is ultimately the work of God’s spirit.

All are welcome to come forward and choose a pebble to drop into the bowl of water.

Vision Prayer (*see back of bulletin*)

Sharing Time *Loving God...hear our prayers*

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Core Value 1: We are KNOWN AND LOVED BY GOD – This is the center of our
common faith. We speak this reality to each other and we strive to model this love in
our world.

Benediction

Closing Song
Thuma Mina VT 834

Prelude & Offertory:
Stock and the Yards:
Doug Marschka
Jeff Thal
Layne Good-Zeiner
Stock Weinstock

Song Leader:
Christy Kauffman

Accompanist:
Roger Lentz

Children’s Time:
Sarah Fritz

Sound:
Daryl Snider

Zoom Technician:
Stock Weinstock

Greeters:
Carol Spicher
Fern Clemmer

Ushers:
Jim Spicher
Carolyn Weaver

Fishbowl Volunteers:
John Weigel
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*Fall 2024 environment
includes congregation
participation and
sharing of root beliefs*